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Applicants:	A.G. Daifotis et al.		Art Unit: 1614
Serial No.:	09/445,837	Case No.: 20002YP	
Filed:	December 13, 1999		Examiner: T. Criares
For:	METHOD FOR INHIBITING BONE RESORPTION		

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Entry of the following Second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.  
This amendment supplements the Preliminary Amendment of December 13, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 53, as follows.

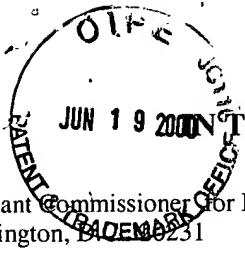
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Claim 53 (Amended). A pharmaceutical composition comprising about 140 mg, on an alendronic acid active basis, of a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of alendronate, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof or esters thereof, and mixtures thereof.

Please add the following new Claims:

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In re application of: A. G. DAIFOTIS ET AL.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
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Independent Claims	* <u>1</u>	-	*** <u>3</u> =	<u>0</u> X	\$78	= <u>0.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claims		-	<u>      </u> =	<u>0</u> X	\$260 ****	= <u>0.00</u>
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